

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Williamsburg,

FOR THE

Year Ending February 1st, 1906.

NORTHAMPTON, MASS.
THE GAZETTE PRINTING COMPANY
1906

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 1.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2.—To elect three Selectmen, one Town Clerk, one Treasurer, one Elector under the Will of the late Oliver Smith, Esq., one Tax Collector, two Constables, two Auditors, and one Tree Warden, all for one year. Also, one Water Commissioner, one Sinking Fund Commissioner, one Library Trustee, and one School Committee, all for three years. Also, to vote on the question : “ Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town, Yes or No ? ” All on one ballot.

ART. 3.—To choose all necessary minor Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 4.—To revise and accept a list of Jurors nominated by the Selectmen.

ART. 5.—To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the current expenses of the Town.

ART. 6.—To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the municipal year beginning February 1st, 1906, in anticipation of the taxes of said year, such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the Town, but not exceeding the total tax levy for said year, giving the notes of the Town therefor, payable within one year from the dates thereof. All debts incurred under the authority of this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

ART. 7.—To hear the report of the Selectmen, Treasurer, School and other Committees, and act thereon.

ART. 8.—To hear the report of the Water Commissioners and act thereon.

ART. 9.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day and choose a committee to expend the same.

ART. 10.—To choose a committee to expend the income of the Whiting Street Fund.

ART. 11.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for maintaining Street Lights.

ART. 12.—To fix the amount of the salary of the Tax Collector.

ART. 13.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for building and repairing sidewalks.

ART. 14.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the rebuilding of the Engine House, in the village of Williamsburg.

ART. 15.—To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to contract for the building or finishing of a section of State Highway the coming season.

ART. 16.—To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the road leading from the residence of Lewis Lobelo's, to the old Scott place, so called, near High Ridge.

ART. 17.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the building of an extension of the water main of our present Water System, beginning on Valley View Street at a point near the residence of John W. Hill, in the village of Williamsburg, and leading along said street to the residence of Lewis Alexander.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last report,	\$ 362 58
Rec'd from Temporary Loans,	11,500 00
“ Taxes of 1904,	1,655 26
“ “ 1905,	15,356 53
“ Income State School Fund,	1,008 99
“ “ Collins “	646 63
“ “ Whiting Street “	240 00
“ Refund of Dog Tax,	188 35
For schooling of State wards,	348 50
“ “ Boston “	226 50
Tuition Town of Goshen,	104 00
High School tuition from State,	90 00
Supt. of Schools Fund,	375 00
Teachers’ “	250 00
Water Department,	2,000 00
State Corporation Tax,	120 63
National Bank “	636 64
For State Aid reimbursed,	644 00
St. Railway Corporation Tax,	384 15
“ “ Excise “	304 48
District Court fines,	111 00
Sale of old junk from Engine house,	86 17
“ Old bridge plank,	5 00
“ Standing grass sold,	2 00
“ Burial of indigent Soldier,	35 00
Rent of Town Hall,	23 00

Received Mrs. Emily Hill's pension,	\$96 00	
Interest on Deposits,	39 60	
" " overdue taxes,	50 68	
For Sundry licenses,	5 00	
Compensation Inspector of animals,	13 50	
Transportation of State pauper,	3 30	
Temporary support " "	4 19	
		—————\$36,916 68

EXPENDITURES.

Total receipts,		\$36,916 68
Paid State Tax,	\$1,200 00	
County Tax,	1,675 19	
Temporary Loans,	10,500 00	
Orders of School Committee,	9,205 37	
" Selectmen, support of poor,	793 80	
" " Highways and bridges,	2,063 02	
" " Contingent account,	1,666 09	
" " Street Lights,	1,180 70	
" " Soldiers' Relief,	357 24	
" " Fire Department,	756 26	
" " Sidewalks,	935 68	
Interest,	298 33	
For Memorial Day,	50 00	
Repairs on State highway,	68 02	
Hydrants and watering tank,	800 00	
Interest on Water bonds,	2,000 00	
Sinking Fund Commissioners,	1,000 00	
Almoners of Whiting Street fund,	240 00	
Trustees Haydenville Library,	100 00	
State Aid,	646 00	
District Court fees,	73 30	
Burial of indigent Soldier,	35 00	
Physicians' Certificate of births,	9 25	
One-fourth License fee to State Treas.,	25	
Balance cash on hand,	1,263 18	
		—————\$36,916 68

INCOME FROM COLLINS SCHOOL FUND.

Dividend on 20 shares Northampton		
National Bank stock,	\$200	00
Dividend on 20 shares Hampshire County		
National Bank stock,	90	00
Dividend on 12 shares Mechanics National		
Bank stock,	48	00
Dividend on 21 shares First National Bank		
of Northampton,	126	00
Dividend on 21 shares First National Bank		
of Greenfield,	126	00
Interest at Haydenville Savings Bank,	56	63
	<hr/>	\$646 63
Paid School Committee,	\$636	63

SCHOOL ASSETS.

Appropriation, Schools,	\$4,300	00
“ Superintendent,	375	00
“ Text books and supplies,	450	00
“ Repairs,	300	00
“ Tuition,	275	00
“ Plumbing,	100	00
Rec'd from town of Goshen,	104	00
“ State, tuition H. Sch. scholars,	90	00
“ schooling of State wards,	348	50
“ “ Boston wards,	226	50
“ State, Supt. of Schools Fund,	375	00
“ “ from Teachers’ “	250	00
“ Income Collins School “	646	63
“ State, inc. Mass. “ “	1,008	99
“ Refund of dog tax,	188	35
Balance due from 1904,	167	40
	<hr/>	\$9,205 37
Paid on orders of School Committee,	\$9,205	37

TOWN ASSETS.

Balance in Treasury,	\$1,263 18
Due on taxes of 1905,	1,135 98
“ State Aid account,	646 00
Due for inspection of animals,	15 00
Amount of Sinking Fund,	2,072 14
Cash in hands of Water Commissioners,	4,143 87
Balance liabilities over assets,	42,148 83
	<hr/> \$51,425 00

TOWN LIABILITIES.

Due R. F. Burke, salary 1905,	\$ 125 00
On temporary loans,	1,000 00
I. F. Baker, legacy,	300 00
Town Water bonds,	50,000 00
	<hr/> \$51,425 00

STATEMENT OF WATER DEBT.

Town Water bonds,	\$50,000 00
Less amount of Sinking Fund,	2,072 14
Balance,	<hr/> \$47,927 86

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Paid Haydenville Savings Bank,	\$189 83
Water Commissioners,	98 00
Interest on I. F. Baker legacy,	10 50
“ on Town bonds,	2,000 00
	<hr/> \$2,298 33
Appropriation,	\$300 00
Received interest on deposit,	39 60
“ “ “ over due taxes,	50 68
Raised by assessment,	2,000 00
	<hr/> \$2,390 28

ACCOUNT WITH DISTRICT COURT.

Received on account of fines,		\$111 00
Paid Samuel J. Edwards, fees,	\$44 88	
Reuben Bell, “	18 31	
William G. Nicholl, “	5 14	
Henry A. Bisbee, “	4 97	
	<hr/>	\$73 30

STATE AID ACCOUNT.

Paid George H. Ames,	\$48 00	
Myron Ames,	72 00	
Agnes M. Adams,	48 00	
William S. Brown,	48 00	
Egesta S. Black,	48 00	
Willis Guilford,	48 00	
Emily L. Hill,	48 00	
Edwin J. House,	20 00	
Robert P. Loud,	20 00	
Lyman W. Parsons,	48 00	
Jane Richardson,	48 00	
William F. Rhoad,	24 00	
Olive Warner,	48 00	
Mary D. Smith,	42 00	
Eliza McCaffrey,	32 00	
Mary E. Higgins,	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$646 00

DOGS.

115 males at \$2.00,	\$230 00	
5 females at \$5.00,	25 00	
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	\$255 00	
Less fees,	24 00	
	<hr/>	\$231 00
Paid County Treasurer,		\$231 00

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. HILL, *Treasurer.*

Town Clerk's Report.

BIRTHS IN 1905.

Jany.	9.	Ralph Loomis.
	20.	Katherine A. Phillips.
Feby.	6.	Edward L. O'Brien.
	7.	Ben Kmit.
	24.	Iola Bates.
Mar.	16.	Margaret Lucy Heath.
	17.	Mary Demerski.
	31.	Francisek Mesorski.
April	9.	Wladislau Mahora.
	23.	Ernest Sarto Lupien.
May	9.	John Victor Shaver.
June	6.	Ruth Ellen Smart.
	22.	Joseph Paul Duseau.
Aug.	17.	Margaret Trainor.
	31.	Alice U. Paul.
	31.	—— Jergensen.
Sept.	5.	Esther Jondreau.
	23.	Edward McCaffrey.
	24.	Olive Prince.
	25.	Mary Margaret Kearney.
Oct.	4.	Harold Frederick Hosford.
	5.	John Clarence Gilbert Schofield.
	8.	William Miller Watson.
	13.	—— Morin.
	17.	Marshall Carr Dewey.
	22.	Raymond L. Morrissey.
	32.	Ralph Edwin Brewer.
	30.	—— Ryan.

Nov.	10.	Eldora Belle Wait.
	10.	Gladys Dorella Ball.
	10.	Joseph Charles Ball.
	10.	Chester Ward Cross.
	10.	Edmond Babineau.
	22.	Margaret Sarah Kempkis.
	27.	Mary Elizabeth Wells.
Dec.	9.	Thomas F. McCarthy.
	30.	Mary Burke.

MARRIAGES IN 1905.

Jan.	18.	Stephen Burke,	Williamsburg.
		Mabel Mahoney,	"
May	22.	Andrzej Antosz,	"
		Agnes Zolenia,	"
June	14.	Robert P. Purrington,	"
		Ethel May Spencer,	Chesterfield.
	22.	Carroll F. White,	Williamsburg.
		Myrtle B. Ingraham,	Northampton.
Sept.	13.	Dennis F. Lee,	Williamsburg.
		Jennie M. Warner,	"
	14.	Frank C. Buffum,	Northampton.
		Rhoda V. Evans,	Williamsburg.
Oct.	5.	Frank Boekneck,	"
		Nellie Dolegu,	"

DEATHS IN 1905.

Date.	Name.	yrs.	m.	d.
Jan. 1.	Mary Grace Christopher,	76		7
14.	Joseph Morrill,	34		
22.	Margaret H. Pomeroy,	45		
Feb. 12.	Onslow G. Spelman,	83	5	
15.	Dewey Williams,	84	8	28
28.	Maria Lawrence,	70	3	25
Mar. 27.	Howard W. Loomis,	35	2	5
30.	Catherine Hickey,	37	10	

Apr.	1.	Eliza Ann Cole,	80	5	23
	10.	Idalette L. Longley,	45	2	10
	17.	Abner Damon,	67	7	23
May	1.	Mari Wells,	75	10	1
	15.	William F. Rhoad,	79	11	21
	27.	Frank McCaffery,	47		
June	6.	Susan Alice Williams,	75	10	27
	6.	Merilla King Kingsley,	85	6	
	15.	Frank Lester Carr,	46	8	15
	21.	Frank M. Holmes,	69		
July	29.	John Mahoney,	47		
	31.	Charles Goodale,	35		
	21.	Jane Connell,	79	7	16
Aug.	5.	Frank Dunlavy,	26		
	22.	Francis E. Porter,	62	8	
	31.	Infant son of S. Jergensen,			
Sept.	7.	Rollin N. Brown,	61	3	5
	9.	Mary Munyan Purrington,	64	9	30
	17.	Margaret Fenton,	54		
	21.	Maylen Prince,	40		
	23.	Joseph Fenton,	32		
Oct.	13.	Infant daughter Philip Morin,			
	30.	“ “ M. J. Ryan,			
	30.	Ida May Stebbins,	48	5	
	31.	Don Juan Dean,	56	4	15
Nov.	23.	Thomas Dehey,	70		
	26.	Abbie T. Mack,	22		
	29.	Navick Demerski,		3	4
Dec.	3.	Ellen O'Brien,	95		
	6.	Hiram G. Hill,	65	5	14
	11.	Amadee Brais,	38		
	12.	Mary Coogan,	65		
	24.	Jacob H. Hills,	50	4	4
	30.	Theron L. Barrus,	76	4	

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. HILL, *Town Clerk.*

Selectmen's Report.

To the Citizens of Williamsburg:—

Your Selectmen herewith present their report for the year ending February 1st, 1906.

The expenses of the town have been kept within the appropriations with the exceptions of the highway, contingent, and Soldiers' relief accounts. Your Selectmen overran the amount available for the highway account owing to the falling off of the Street Railway franchise and excise taxes, and the contingent account owing to the falling off of the National Bank and Corporation taxes. On account of the serious illness of Mrs. Emily Hill, it was necessary to exceed the amount available for the Soldiers' relief account.

In carrying out the vote of the town at its last annual meeting, your Selectmen appointed Hallock H. Nichols as general surveyor of highways, and the efficient manner in which he has performed his duties in this capacity we are sure will meet the hearty approval of all.

An unusual amount of new material has been carted on to the roads in general the past season, greatly to their improvement.

An opportunity was offered by the Haydenville Co. to obtain a large quantity of gravel for our highways, free of charge.

This was accepted by your Selectmen and a large amount of this gravel was carted on to a section of road in the village of Haydenville, beginning at the spur track of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co. and continuing to the watering tank. By the generosity of the Village Improvement Soci-

ety, and a number of the citizens of Haydenville, this work was continued from the watering tank to the Church corner making a fine hard road, also a great improvement to the Village which we are sure will be greatly appreciated by all.

At a special meeting of the town held May 4th it was voted to establish voting precincts in the town. In the carrying out of this vote your Selectmen divided the town into two suitable voting precincts, which were used for the first time in the fall State Election, to the general approval of the voters.

It was also voted at said meeting to build a sidewalk in the village of Haydenville, beginning near the residence of Daniel Sheehan, and continuing to the Northampton city line. This vote has been carried out by the laying of tile, and the grading and building of a gravel and cinder walk, much to the convenience of the citizens of this part of the village.

APPROPRIATIONS, 1905.

Schools,	\$4,300 00
Superintendent,	375 00
Text-books and supplies,	450 00
General repairs,	300 00
Tuition,	275 00
Sanitary improvements,	100 00
Highways,	1,200 00
Memorial Day,	50 00
Poor,	1,200 00
Contingent,	800 00
Interest,	300 00
Soldiers' Relief,	225 00
Sidewalks,	500 00
Fire Department,	700 00
Sinking Fund,	1,000 00
Watering tanks and hydrants,	800 00
Street lights,	1,150 00
Library,	100 00
	————— \$13,825 00

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

HALLOCK H. NICHOLS, SUP'T.

Paid E. P. Hemenway, labor,	\$34 27
C. A. L. Patch,	10 24
Frank Loomer,	76 17
John Ice,	71 15
P. J. Kelley,	5 33
E. J. House,	1 35
John Alvord,	90
Aleck Barsafkey,	18 00
H. D. Waite,	20 63
“ “ for railing,	2 32
James P. Ryan, labor,	9 75
William O'Neil,	4 00
Earl Edwards,	1 15
T. J. Ryan,	6 75
F. A. Shumway,	93 00
W. I. Thayer,	50
Richard O'Brien,	4 50
William O'Brien,	53 31
W. H. Warner,	55 06
“ “ for railing,	5 00
Charles Church, labor,	3 00
John Black,	48 99
John Kinney,	24 77
Reuben Bates,	25 50
Edward Brady,	4 50
J. S. Graves,	47 65
John Gezer,	2 10
H. C. Nash,	1 30
John O'Neil,	13 80
W. Harris,	12 67
Eusebe Gongeon,	4 50
L. Dolan, gravel and	4 27
Almon Everett,	11 50
Rufus Miner,	10 57
Thomas Culver, gravel,	2 40

Paid John Wade,	labor,	\$10 20
W. E. Pillinger,	"	17 50
Harry Drake,	"	6 00
Lewis Vacheli,	"	13 00
Carl Weston,	"	7 24
Earnest Kinney,	"	1 09
C. R. Damon,	"	10 50
" " sundries,		14 29
C. K. Merritt,	labor,	5 00
J. J. Handfield,	blacksmithing,	1 05
R. D. Ames,	labor,	21 50
G. M. Bradford,	"	89 00
" " bridge plank,		282 29
Climax Road Mach.Co.,	scraper blades,	10 00
H. H. Nichols,	labor and material,	272 07
Metcalf & Sheehan,	sundries,	6 08
H. W. Hill,	freight on Akron pipe,	5 28
Shumway & Riley,	Acron pipe,	41 80
Norwood Engineering Co.,	sewer grates,	8 37
Frank Richardson,	labor,	19 65
George Brazil,	"	12 60
Oscar Walker,	"	4 50
George LaCane,	"	9 75
Fred Wagner,	"	12 00
Tom Wodena,	"	4 50
J. Vachelli,	"	4 50
Dennis Brazil,	"	55 14
Frank Wells,	"	31 50
H. H. Cranson,	"	15 75
F. E. Sanderson,	"	4 83
P. Richards,	"	60
J. M. Williams,	"	13 12
George A. Thresher,	"	50 28
A. G. Cone,	paint,	2 50
R. Trainor,	labor,	40 00
M. N. Adams,	"	28 70
Willard Williams,	"	25 45

Paid Henry Simeneau, labor,	\$4 50
A. L. Waite, “	8 25
J. Fountain, “	4 50
M. Phillips, “	4 50
Mrs. Duggan, material,	5 00
Graves Bros., labor and material,	6 50
George Dansreau, labor,	21 00
C. S. Damon, “	11 83
Harry Forsythe, “	4 00
S. A. Clark, “	3 50
S. La'Madlin, “	1 40
H. N. Brewster & Co., Akron pipe,	1 08
F. L. Guilford, gravel and labor,	104 44
J. E. Welch, labor,	3 00
J. B. Welch, “	3 00
C. W. Warner, “	17 50
Cyrille Babineau “	3 00
John Dumphy, “	1 56
Edward Black, “	1 50
Joseph Davenport, “	4 25
	————— \$2,063 02

AVAILABLE FOR HIGHWAYS.

Town appropriation,	\$1,200 00
Street Railway Franchise Tax,	384 15
“ “ Excise “	304 48
	————— \$1,888 63

Appropriation recommended, \$1,200 00

SIDEWALK ACCOUNT.

Paid J. L. Mather's bill for sidewalks, '03,	\$583 04
	————— \$ 583 04

Appropriation, \$200 00

SPECIAL WALK IN HAYDENVILLE.

Paid William O'Brien, labor,	\$33 47	
Dennis Brazill, “	18 83	
M. Phillips, “	16 50	
Edward Brady, “	14 14	
Frank Loomer, “	21 83	
Patrick Kearney, “	4 98	
Howard Tennyson, “	5 83	
H. H. Nichols, “	88 21	
E. A. Warner, “	7 25	
G. M. Bradford, “	20 61	
“ “ chestnut lumber,	6 02	
Shumway & Riley, Akron pipe,	59 68	
Joseph Fountain, labor,	3 00	
H. W. Hill, freight on Akron pipe,	3 69	
M. D. Patteson, engineering,	5 90	
	<hr/>	\$309 94

REPAIRING WALKS IN WILLIAMSBURG.

Paid Frank Loomer, labor,	\$ 1 50	
H. H. Nichols, “	12 75	
Frank Wells, “	3 50	
Dennis Brazill, “	4 50	
William O'Brien, “	4 50	
H. G. Hill, gravel,	3 25	
	<hr/>	\$30 00

REPAIRING WALKS IN HAYDENVILLE.

Paid Frank Loomer, labor,	\$1 50	
H. H. Nichols, “	3 25	
Dennis Brazill, “	1 50	
C. S. Damon, gravel,	1 25	
C. R. Damon, cement,	5 20	
	<hr/>	\$12 70
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		\$352 64

Appropriation,	\$500 00
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EXPENDITURES UNDER CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

Paid Walter Thayer,	Ballot Clerk,	\$2 50
J. J. Morrissey,	“ “	2 50
Hubert Smith,	“ “	2 50
J. R. Mansfield,	“ “	2 50
F. C. Richards, Moderator,		2 50
C. W. Fay, sundries,		4 40
J. A. Sullivan, cement,		3 50
The Wakefield Daily Item, printing,		4 55
Byron Loomis, team,		2 00
J. L. Fairbanks & Co., vagrant register,		3 00
W. M. Purrington, insurance,		73 50
Sanford Putnam & Co., field books and legal blanks,		6 00
C. R. Damon, surveying plank,		1 00
L. A. Morrissey, labor on lockup,		2 00
H. H. Nichols, “ “ “		2 75
G. P. O'Donnell, legal services,		30 00
R. F. Burke, labor and material, Town Hall,		3 25
C. W. Warner, labor and material, Town Hall,		12 45
Mercury Pub. Co., posters,		1 00
F. A. Brooks, team Miller's fire,		3 25
“ “ “ McCallman's “		5 00
M. D. Patteson, engineering, and making plans,		17 50
E. A. Warner, labor, drinking fount,		1 00
R. F. Burke, Collector 1904,		125 00
Gazette Printing Co., printing,		56 20
T. I. Breckenridge, coal for lockup,		1 13
E. A. Warner, labor on “		50
W. M. Cochran & Co., tax collector's bond,		12 00
W. H. Leonard, watching fire,		2 75
Prosper Lussier, “ “		1 25

M. H. Beals,	precinct officer A,	\$2 50
F. E. White,	" " "	2 50
W. H. Thayer,	" " "	2 50
Adelbert Bailey,	" " "	2 50
A. P. Miller,	" " "	2 50
J. D. Staab,	" " "	2 50
F. P. Crosby,	" " "	2 50
Harry Warner,	" " B,	2 50
W. S. Smith,	" " "	2 50
J. R. Mansfield,	" " "	2 50
M. E. Riley,	" " "	2 50
J. J. Morrissey,	" " "	2 50
H. C. Pomeroy,	" " "	2 50
M. J. Cusick,	" " "	2 50
H. A. Smith,	" " " and	
expenses,		3 00
H. C. Pomeroy, tree warden,		30 00
F. A. Brooks, express,		4 00
Haydenville Hose Co., Williamsburg		
Engine House fire,		15 40
Haydenville Hose Co., Pomeroy's and		
Brass Shop fires,		5 20
Bridgman & Lyman, records,		2 00
C. L. Hyde, watching fire,		1 00
E. L. Shaw, legal services 1904-5,		65 75
J. M. Williams, labor, Town Hall,		70
Metcalf & Sheehan, sundries, lockup,		1 20
Samuel Edwards, special police,		75 00
L. Molloy, Selectman, Assessor, Over-		
seer of Poor,		100 00
L. Molloy, sundries,		2 74
H. S. Leonard, Selectman, Assessor,		
Overseer of Poor,		100 00
C. S. Damon, Selectman, Assessor,		
Overseer of Poor,		125 00
C. S. Damon, sundries,		12 03
A. S. Hills, School Committee,		75 00

E. H. Miller, School Committee,	\$75 00
Mrs. F. Bisbee, " "	55 00
M. H. Beals, Elector,	10 00
S. Jorgensen, Registrar,	5 00
C. A. Phillips, " "	5 00
H. E. Bradford, " "	5 00
H. H. Nichols, Inspector of animals,	30 00
H. S. Leonard, renewing bound. stone,	2 00
Selectmen, for 6 day's perambulating town lines,	21 00
Williamsburg Hose Co., Miller's fire,	7 70
C. R. Damon, sundries,	62
John Black, labor on lockup,	1 50
Williamsburg Hose Co., Polmatier's fire,	6 80
H. H. Nichols, labor on waste water in Haydenville,	4 25
Dennis Brazill, " " "	3 00
William O'Brien, " " "	3 00
Thomas P. Larkin, Auditor,	3 00
G. M. Bradford, " "	3 00
C. R. Damon, glass,	50
H. A. Bisbee, labor and material,	8 50
" " services as Constable,	23 70
" " " Janitor,	15 00
" " " Special Police,	25 00
C. S. Damon, services with State Aid visitor,	2 00
Henry W. Hill, services as Town Clerk and Treasurer,	125 00
Henry W. Hill, services as Registrar 1904 and 1905,	15 00
Henry W. Hill, sundries,	13 80
" " recording births, deaths and marriages,	28 30
R. F. Burke, sundry abatement 1904 taxes,	127 92
	<hr/> \$1,666 09

AVAILABLE FOR CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

Appropriation,	\$800 00	
National Bank tax,	636 64	
Corporation “	120 63	
Rent of Town Hall,	23 00	
Balance District Court fines,	37 70	
Sundry licenses and articles sold,	12 00	
Compensation of Inspector of animals,	13 50	
	<hr/>	\$1,643 47
Appropriation recommended,	\$800 00	
and State Corporation and Bank Tax.		

PAUPER ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURES.

For Ellen O'Brien, deceased,	\$180 50	
Salome Warner,	155 44	
Mrs. Anna Loomis,	29 01	
William Naven, deceased,	14 00	
James H. Nichols,	14 75	
George Cheney,	72	
Mrs. F. Montgomery,	15 75	
Mrs. Mary L. Thayer,	131 44	
Mrs. Bridget Dehey,	30 00	
Mrs. Henry Grise,	10 00	
Miss Johanna Keating,	48 00	
Miss Gertrude Sluett,	1 25	
Thomas Dehey, deceased,	90 00	
Edmund Fowler,	10 08	
Richard Keating,	6 57	
Mrs. Nancy Jordan,	35 43	
James Wright,	20 86	
	<hr/>	\$793 80

AVAILABLE FOR PAUPER ACCOUNT.

Appropriation,	\$1,200 00	
Transportation of Paupers,	3 30	
Temporary support “	4 19	
	<hr/>	\$1,207 49

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Paid Myron Ames,	\$90 00	
Mrs. Emily Hill,	267 24	
	<hr/>	\$357 24

AMOUNT AVAILABLE.

Appropriation,	\$225 00	
Received from Mrs. Hill,	96 00	
	<hr/>	\$321 00

Appropriation recommended, \$225 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Combination Ladder Co., for hose		
and fixtures,	\$432 43	
D. T. Clark, labor and supplies,	17 03	
" hose wagon,	43 50	
" sundries,	9 03	
M. S. Harris, slating engine house in		
Haydenville,	50 00	
Williamsburg Hose Co., 20 men,	40 00	
Haydenville " " 47 "	94 00	
Larkin Bros., coats and boots for		
Haydenville Hose Co.,	26 00	
C. R. Damon, coats and boots for		
Williamsburg Hose Co.,	22 00	
Nonotuck Silk Co., ladder hooks,	2 50	
Graves Bros., lettering coats and boots,	2 15	
James M. Baker, Gladding spanners,	6 00	
L. A. Morrissey, labor and material		
Engine house, Haydenville,	1 57	
Wm. C. Pomeroy & Co., for 2 ladders,	10 02	
	<hr/>	\$756 26

AMOUNT AVAILABLE.

Appropriation,	\$700 00	
Sale of old metal,	86 17	
	<hr/>	\$786 17

MEMORIAL DAY.

Paid H. S. Leonard, committee,	\$50 00
Appropriation,	\$50 00

LIST OF JURORS NOMINATED BY SELECTMEN.

Fred C. Miller,	Alvin Lawrence,
Clesson W. Bradley,	Frank L. Bisbee,
Michael Cusick,	Thomas Coogan,
Patrick J. Kelley,	Clarence D. Loomis,
Philip Mansfield,	Richard J. O'Neil,
Prescott W. Richards,	George E. Tennyson,
John Linehan,	Silas Snow,
Charles L. Hyde,	Michael Shea,
Philip Moran,	Roderick D. Ames,
Edwin F. Miller,	James Morrissey.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLLS S. DAMON,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
LAWRENCE MOLLOY,	
HENRY S. LEONARD,	
	} <i>of</i>
	} <i>Williamsburg.</i>

ALMONERS OF WHITING STREET FUND.

Amount received,	\$240 00
Paid 48 beneficiaries, \$5 each,	240 00

Respectfully submitted,

SUSIE M. CROSBY,	} <i>Almoners,</i>
F. A. BROOKS,	
MICHAEL E. RILEY,	

SINKING FUND COMMISSIONERS.

LIABILITIES.

1905.	March 1, Balance on hand at last report,	\$1,000 00	
	Int. on deposit Haydenville Sav Bank,	35 30	
	July 25, Town Treasurer,	1,000 00	
1906.	Jan. Interest on deposit,	16 84	
	“ “ bond,	20 00	
		<hr/>	\$2,072 14

ASSETS.

Williamsburg bond No. 50,	\$1,072 98	
Deposit at Haydenville Sav. Bank,	999 16	
	<hr/>	\$2,072 14

BYRON LOOMIS,	}	<i>Commissioners.</i>
C. J. HILLS,		
W. M. PURRINGTON,		

Report of Street Lighting Committee.

Town appropriation at the March meeting for lights,	\$1,000 00
Town appropriation at the March meeting for renewals,	50 00
Town appropriation at the March meeting for renewals 1903, 1904,	150 00

The following sums were expended, lights for Feb. and March \$171.70, \$26.15 for new renewals 1905, and \$150.00 for old renewals 1903 and 1904, leaving a balance of the \$1,000.00 for lights, of \$828.30. The above sum of \$171.70 was spent pending a settlement between the street light committee and the Electric Light Company. The conditions of the vote taken at the above meeting were, that the Company furnish 80 lights to burn until midnight. This the Company refused to do. With the sanction of the selectmen, the committee agreed to pay for the month of March at the old rate \$85.85, thinking perhaps the Company would accept the town's terms at the expiration of the month. This they did not do, and the streets were in darkness after April 1st, all bills having been paid as aforesaid to that date. The streets having been in darkness for several weeks, a special Town Meeting was called May 4th, and a motion to rescind the former vote of \$1,000.00 (or \$828.30 balance left of the \$1,000.00). A new motion to appropriate \$1,000.00 for street lights was carried. To the old committee of three, four names were added. This committee was given full power to expend the \$1,000.00; also, should they see fit to make a three years' contract with the Electric Light Co. The following contract was made :

This indenture witnesseth an agreement between the Mill River Electric Light Company a corporation located in Williamsburg, Mass., and the Inhabitants of Town of

Williamsburg, Mass., for the lighting of the streets of Williamsburg and Haydenville as follows :

The said Mill River Electric Light Company agrees to light seventy-five incandescent lights of thirty-two candle power each, and one enclosed arc light of 1200 candle power, from dark until 12 o'clock midnight on what is commonly known as the "Moonlight schedule."

The said service shall be given and continued from June 1st 1905 to April 1st 1906.

In consideration of the foregoing service well and truly to be performed, the said Inhabitants agree to pay the said Company ten hundred dollars in ten monthly installments of one hundred dollars each.

In witness whereof the two parties to this agreement hereunto set their hands and seals this 19th day of May in the year nineteen hundred and five.

The Committee thought best to make the contract to April 1st, so that the town would be assured of lights until after the annual meeting in March. The committee report the following sum expended from the time the contract was made until February 1st 1906, as \$806.00; the \$6.00 being for all night service July 3d, leaving a balance unexpended of the \$1,000.00, of \$194.00, and a total for the year including \$50.00 for 1905 renewals of \$1,030.70. Provision should be made for the payment of balance of the contract amounting to \$200.00, for the months of February and March, 1906.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES C. CONNELL,
CHARLES A. PHILLIPS,
F. W. THAYER,
HIRAM G. HILL,
S. A. EWING,
C. W. FAY,
R. F. BURKE,

Committee on Lights.

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

The trustees of the Haydenville Public Library present the seventh annual report of that institution as given below.

We are glad to be able to state that it is in good shape to carry on the work it has done so efficiently since its inception nearly twenty years ago by the young people of the village who were bound to have a library, and who by earnest work brought it into successful operation as an institution, and by continual endeavor made it an element of the village life that always tended for the best intellectual good of the public.

A high standard regarding the qualities of the books placed on the shelves of the library has always been maintained, first, by a very careful selection of the books, the committee usually reading all books where there was any reason to think it necessary, and a number of books have been withdrawn from circulation from time to time as found best for the interests of the library to do so; and secondly, by confining the purchases of books to a large extent, among the better known authors, and reducing the chances of filling the shelves with trash or something worse.

Since the library has belonged to the town, the same care has been used, and your committee can safely say that the library is a general means of reading and study to the whole village.

We have received during the year a few volumes by gift from Mrs. Charles Francis, who has always been very generous to the library in this respect.

We have added by purchase about seventy-five volumes, including novels, travel, biography, and some valuable works of reference, among them being an Unabridged Dic-

tionary, and a fine illustrated work on Medicine, also the new volume of Stoddard's lectures, a readable book on the Panama Canal problem, and another on the Japanese-Russian war, and a number of the latest and best works of fiction, are among the additions just made.

The year just closed has been as successful as usual, and nearly every family of the village have made continuous use of the books for their reading, as well as the upper grades of the public schools using them for reference and study helps.

Under the efficient care of our librarian and his assistant all comers are cordially received, and their wants carefully attended to, and their books selected for them if they so desire.

During the rains of the past fall and winter the roof began leaking badly, and we had it patched but this has proved unsatisfactory even as a makeshift, and we would recommend an extra appropriation for this purpose.

Aside from this, the building is in good shape, and the property fairly insured for several years to come.

THOMAS J. COOGAN,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
R. A. COLE,		
A. R. THATCHER,		

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand,	\$ 1 26	
Town appropriation,	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$101 26

EXPENDED.

For books, magazines,	\$45 00	
Librarian and assistant,	25 00	
Premium on insurance policy,	11 90	
Fourteenth volume Stoddard lectures,	3 00	
Vol. on medicine, and dictionary,	10 50	
Postage, car fare, stationery, express-		
age, repairs,	3 67	
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	99 07	
Balance on hand,	2 19	
	<hr/>	\$101 26

WATER COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance cash on hand previous report,	\$5,531 20
Rec'd for water rents,	1,202 73
Iron pipe sold,	2 87
Pipe reel returned,	2 25
Interest on deposit,	88 40
" on town note,	98 00
Service connections,	363 00
Rent of hydrants, etc.,	800 00
On town note,	2,000 00
	<hr/> \$10,088 45

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for repairs and maintenance,	\$133 52
Labor, plumbing and material,	502 58
Expenses in Vaughn suit,	304 73
H. W. Hill, Treas., town loan,	3,000 00
" " " cash,	2,000 00
Rebate on water rents,	3 75
Balance cash on hand,	4,143 87
	<hr/> \$10,088 45

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. HILLS,	} <i>Water Commissioners.</i>
J. W. HILL,	
F. A. BROOKS,	

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

For the Year ending February 1st, 1906.

To the Citizens of Williamsburg :

We herewith submit our Annual Report and the report to us of the Superintendent (with statistics and calendar for coming school year and program of last graduating-day exercises), report of the Music Teacher, Truant officers and Committee Treasurer.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The High Schools have been in session forty (40) weeks, all others thirty-six (36) weeks.

The South Street School was closed at the beginning of the school year, the pupils being transported to the Center School.

Transportation is being paid for eleven (11) pupils, from Haydenville, who attend the High School in Williamsburg.

In accordance with Sect. 3, Chap. 42 of the Revised Laws, tuition is now being paid for pupils attending Northampton High School unless a full course has been completed in the Williamsburg High School.

The total outlay for our schools gradually increases over a period of years, and will continue to increase so long as the State Board of Education introduce new requirements demanding the employment of broader educated and better paid teachers, more school apparatus and a greater variety of text books.

While the amounts recommended by the Committee to be appropriated grow larger, yet it should be borne in mind as stated in our report last year, that we support a larger number of school rooms in proportion to our population than many other towns whose valuation considerably exceeds ours. The proper standard by which to judge whether school expenditures are excessive, is the proportion of amount raised by taxation to the valuation of the town.

Larger appropriations mean more competent teachers, better accommodations, and as a result a higher standard of scholarship among the pupils, and later on a more intelligent citizen body.

By referring to the reports of the School Committee treasurer for the past two (2) or three (3) years and noting the item of repairs, it will be observed how little has been done beyond the bare necessities in way of equipment and general improvement of the schoolrooms. Why should not our rooms be as attractive and as well equipped and furnished as those of other towns? We particularly have in mind the lower rooms of the High School building in Williamsburg, and the two (2) primary rooms of the Haydenville Center School. All of these are in need of a thorough renovation, cleaning, painting, new furniture, desks, etc. Anything that can be done toward developing a sense of the artistic in the average pupil within reasonable cost should be carried out. More attractive rooms and surroundings stimulate the scholars' interest in all the better directions. We doubt if many parents or citizens would care to spend much time in rooms surrounded by bare and naked walls and not even comfortably furnished.

More spacious playgrounds are needed around all our school buildings. It is saddening indeed that with all the land in the immediate vicinity of the schools that the children should be expected to secure necessary recreation in yards not large enough, especially at Haydenville Center, for an ordinary residence lot. Williamsburg Center School

through the generosity of Mrs. Lyman D. James, is much better provided than any of the others.

Sanitary conditions at Williamsburg Center Building are not what they should be, and will soon have to be improved. Unless there is a fair prospect of a new High School being built within two or three years, we recommend that a set of water closets be installed at once, as has been done in the Haydenville Center building.

The furniture in the schoolhouse on Petticoat Hill (or Nash Hill as it now might properly be called, owing to the gift of the hill by Mrs. Martha W. Nash to the town for a park), has been taken to the Haydenville Center building and stored in the basement, as the schoolhouse will probably never be used again. We recommend that it be sold.

We hope to see inaugurated within a short time a plan whereby medical examination of the pupils will be made at least once or twice during the school year, and lectures on Hygiene given every month. (See the Superintendent's report.)

Due appreciation is felt by the committee for the faithful work of the teachers the past year, and also for the interest shown by some parents and citizens who occasionally visit the schools; those interested but who are unfamiliar with any portion of the educational work of the town, to such any member of the Committee or the Superintendent will be only too glad to give information.

Parents and Citizens :—We kindly ask that the coming year you make an extra effort to visit the schools, at least, one or two in your immediate vicinity. The result surely will be that you will gain a more comprehensive idea of the plan and scope of the educational work being carried on, and a fuller appreciation of the work of the teachers, the Superintendent and the Board. The teachers generally appreciate the visits, and are greatly encouraged by these manifestations of your interest.

It is very gratifying to report that we have a balance on hand of over \$600.00; this comes about by the saving made in closing the South Street School, and other economies in

way of transportation, tuition, etc. The amounts paid us by the State were also large this year, and as stated in another part of our report, some repairs were put off which should have been made during 1905. A competent drawing teacher for Haydenville schools could not be secured in September, therefore the balance on hand in the Hyde and the Sanders funds has also been increased.

We recommend that the full and able report of our Superintendent of Schools, Mr. E. W. Goodhue, which accompanies this report be carefully read and considered.

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS.

A special appropriation was made last year by the Town for water closets at the Haydenville Center building. A sanitary system, eight closets and a urinal, has been installed in the basement; connection was made with a drainage sewer formerly laid. This installation is a great improvement, and we think the citizens will feel well repaid for the extra expenditure.

At the Williamsburg Center building an additional means of egress has been provided in shape of an outside staircase to be used in case of fire. This was done by order of the "State Inspector of Public School Buildings," and while it may seem to some an unnecessary requirement, it certainly serves as an added safeguard to the lives of the pupils.

REPAIRS.

Aside from the work done on Mountain Street and Haydenville Center buildings, the expense for general repairs has been small.

The roof has been painted on the Williamsburg Center building, and the North Street building has been newly shingled.

At Mountain Street a new floor has been laid, and other needed repairs done.

At the Haydenville Center building the brick foundation has been painted, new stairs to High School room put in, and new window sash in the High School and Grammar rooms.

There are some other needed repairs that should have been done, but owing to the above unexpected work, it was thought best to carry them over to another year.

The Haydenville Center building should be painted, and fences repaired and painted, the window area in the Third Primary room should be increased so as to improve the light. The Maple Street School should be shingled or slated, and painted.

Ordinary running repairs on all the buildings will have to be made as usual.

We recommend the following appropriations for the year 1906-07:

Teachers,	\$4,300 00
Superintendent,	375 00
Text books and supplies,	450 00
Repairs,	600 00
Tuition,	250 00
	————— \$5,975 00

ALBERT S. HILLS,	}	<i>School Committee.</i>
EMIL H. MILLER,		
MARTHA S. BISBEE,		

Superintendent's Report.

To the School Committee of Williamsburg :

MADAM AND GENTLEMEN :—

The annual report of the Superintendent of Schools is herewith presented for your consideration and approval.

As has been the custom for the past few years the statistics are for the school year ending September 1, 1905, and the remainder of the report for the fiscal year of the town. Fifteen schools have been in session during the year, and with one exception, for the usual number of weeks.

Twenty different teachers have been employed and one transfer made. We have been very fortunate in retaining so many of the former teachers, and as a result the progress made has been unbroken and satisfactory in most cases. Could we make sure of equally good fortune in the future our schools would be sure of a permanent high degree of efficiency. It was with great regret that the resignation of one of our teachers, for several years identified with the work of the schools, was accepted.

It is greatly to our disadvantage that we are unable to offer sufficient salaries to such faithful and competent instructors as to retain them in our service. In this particular case we appear to have been extremely fortunate in securing for the position a teacher whose fitness for the same has made her a valuable addition to our force, and prevented any deterioration of the excellent character borne by the school. In general, it appears that rather more work has been accomplished during the year just

closed than in the preceding. With teachers acquainted with their pupils, and familiar with the requirements and conditions, much has been accomplished not otherwise possible. The results obtained in some directions are most pleasing. Entire schools have made uniform gain along certain lines which reflects great credit on the instruction given.

The attendance has been good, and very few cases of actual truancy or disregard of the law have been reported. The prompt and efficient action of the truant officers has served to create a respect for law which appears to be permanent. Whooping cough was epidemic for some time, and seriously interfered with attendance upon five of the schools. Were it not for this the record would be better than for years.

The out schools have suffered some interruption in their work because of the changes of teachers made necessary, but there has been no interference with the excellent discipline maintained, or the interest of the pupils in their studies, and the teachers are in no way chargeable with the interruption mentioned. These schools are often subjected to harsher criticism than others owing to unfortunate conditions existing in the neighborhoods and suffer at times from them.

The high schools have maintained their standard of efficiency, and the good standing of many of the former pupils in the schools of higher grade which they now attend, is not only extremely gratifying, but also emphatic evidence of the ability of our teachers and the thoroughness of the work done by them, and this applies to those of all grades participating in the preparatory work. The commendable spirit of industry shown and the loyalty to instructors and schools evidenced, have been important factors in the producing of such desirable results.

In the matter of discipline generally, little but commendation has been given. Some criticism of the Haydenville Center schools has been made because of the noise made by the pupils at recess, but when we consider the amount

made by the children of a family oftentimes when directly under the charge of the parents, and then think of one hundred and sixty of all ages crowded into a yard which barely affords standing room for them, the comparison will not be to the discredit of the latter. It is rather a matter for surprise that so few accidents and disturbances occur. The teachers have faithfully labored to preserve order, and have succeeded in reducing confusion and disorder to a considerable extent.

A class of eleven was graduated from the Williamsburg High School, and it was certainly a credit to the school and the town. The closing exercises held in the town hall were excellent, and the literary and musical talent displayed, a surprise to many. Some of the essays gave evidence of unusual ability, and all of thorough instruction and drill. The songs by the pupils of the school are seldom equalled in their rendition by pupils in schools of this class. Seven of the graduates are now attending the Northampton High School and other institutions of more advanced instruction.

Eleven pupils are now in attendance from Haydenville. If it is possible to accomplish so much under the present unfavorable circumstances, what might be done with a suitable house and equipment? Instruction in music has been in charge of a special teacher, Mary V. Kiley, and very satisfactory progress made. A special report by her is appended. An attempt was made to give instruction to the pupils of the Haydenville schools in drawing, the expense of which was to be paid from the Hyde and Sanders fund, but unexpected difficulties encountered in the attempt to secure a suitable instructor at a salary within the means available, led to its abandonment. It is essential in order that our schools may compare favorably in all respects with others in similar towns that regular instruction in this subject be given, and it has come to be recognized by the best educators as a necessary part of school work. With few exceptions the remarks made in the preceding report of this series relative to the needs of the schools are still applicable, and are recalled to your attention without repe-

tition. We have been exceedingly fortunate in securing and retaining the services of good teachers, but we should not be dependent upon fortune in this vital matter. It should be possible to make these conditions a certainty. It is hardly to be expected that we shall be able long to experience such good fortune with neighboring towns paying higher salaries for less labor, and constantly endeavoring to secure the services of our best teachers. Some time we shall be compelled to take instructors of a much lower grade with deplorable effect on the schools. It is well to bear this constantly in mind that when that time arrives the responsibility may be rightly located. Every change in the teaching force now made necessary, introduces an element of great uncertainty, and may furnish an opening for the entrance of disorganization, and inefficiency of instruction and discipline. One poor teacher can in a few weeks nearly destroy the results of much previous good work, and so demoralize a school as to require the best efforts of a succeeding good teacher for a long time in simply recovering lost ground. With a considerable influx of children from all parts of the State, and from families of all characters, the problem of maintaining proper discipline, obedience to and respect for authority necessary to success is greatly complicated, and only the best talent can be intrusted with its solution. The administrative ability required of the teacher in the ordinary village school, to say nothing of the educational acquirements and preparatory work, would often insure its possessor a munificent salary if employed in many other directions, yet our teachers are still the poorest paid and the hardest worked of any class of professional persons. With the long and enforced vacations and high cost of living, it is small wonder that it has been necessary to introduce a system of pensions for superannuated teachers in some localities.

The appreciation of the needs of our schools shown by the members of the School Board and their earnest endeavors to supply them have led to several improvements which greatly increase the comfort of teachers and pupils. The

placing of new windows in the High and Grammar school rooms at Haydenville has added to the good appearance of them and made it possible to warm them more easily, yet it is evident that, owing to the loose construction of the building and the waste of heat in the halls, these rooms cannot be made comfortable during severe cold weather with the present heating apparatus. The installing of the new sanitary arrangement in the Haydenville central building is one of the greatest improvements in years. It is now possible to secure the necessary privacy for the pupils and that separation of the sexes which decency and good morals require. In order to secure an entrance to the basement from the hall it was necessary to make several alterations in the rooms on the first floor at a considerable expense but not to be compared with the benefit derived.

In most cases the improvements made have been thoroughly appreciated by the pupils and they have taken care to see that no injury was done, but, as is always the case where a large number of pupils of all ages are grouped, there are a very few who have no regard for decency, the rights of others, or respect for public property, and these have made some trouble, but nothing serious. The repairs on the Mountain Street house have made it safer, pleasanter, and more comfortable, and were greatly needed.

The fire escape placed on the Williamsburg Center building with the new arrangement of the doors insures protection to those in the house, and parents with children attending the schools there, can feel much easier about their safety in case of fire.

It is strongly recommended that sanitary arrangements similar to those placed in the Haydenville building be provided for the central school-house at Williamsburg. While this may be more difficult in the case of the latter, yet it can probably be done, and they are needed full as much as they were in Haydenville. The present conditions are certainly a disgrace to the town, unsightly, and a constant menace to health. It is almost absolutely imperative that new seats and desks be provided for some of the rooms. In

some cases they have served for generations, and are so worn, broken and disfigured as to make it impossible for pupils to use them for certain purposes for which they were intended and are beyond repair. Chairs without backs, split and so rough as to destroy clothing ; desks so rickety and covered with hieroglyphics carved by previous generations, as to be practically useless, are in use in several rooms.

A change in the arrangement of the seats and desks of the third primary room at Haydenville has somewhat improved the conditions existing there, but the light is still insufficient, and the room really unfit for school purposes until some provision for admitting more light is made. A great need of the central schools is more room for playgrounds, and some action should be taken by the town toward furnishing it at once.

When the land owned by the Congregational Church Society of Haydenville is fenced in, it will leave barely standing room for the pupils of the school, provided they stand in rank and file. The absurdity of expecting over a hundred and sixty children to get sufficient recreation on a plot of ground less than a hundred feet square is too evident to require argument.

Similar conditions existing at Williamsburg were greatly improved by the thoughtful generosity of Mrs. L. D. James, yet there is still need of much greater space that the pupils may be able to enjoy their games without conflicting with each other, or being compelled to make use of the street and other public and private property. Possibly the new High School building will provide such ample grounds as to entirely remedy these defects.

It is very unfortunate that so many of the children are obliged to leave school to work in the shops or elsewhere. During the last year thirty-four age and schooling certificates were issued. At the age of fourteen the child is, usually, just ready to do his best work and to make far greater gain in a given time than ever before. Often the pupil reaches this age while a member of the fifth or sixth grade,

and the knowledge gained by him is of the most rudimentary and incomplete character, not sufficient to be of much service to him, yet could be made very valuable if completed. While the fact that in many cases the income from the labor of the child is needed in the family is appreciated, yet it seems there are some cases where the parents should recognize the truth that a little lost in wages now may be returned doubled in the future if the child secure, at least, a good common school education.

If it be necessary that so many must leave the common schools at this age, then every attempt should be made to give them the most possible before leaving. Under the present system we do not succeed in doing this. The great need is of more individual teaching and an opportunity for making a closer study of the child. A teacher with a large number of pupils in her charge must plan and work for them as a whole, adapting her teaching to the apparent majority, and the pupil who, by reason of absence or lack of interest falls behind his class, is very apt to remain in this position and continually lose ground. Once in the rear and so considered by both teacher and class, he often loses courage and interest and merely drags along waiting for the time when he can be released from his school duties by reason of age. There are many children with excellent intellectual capabilities who because of physical conditions or inability to so quickly comprehend teaching as their mates, are subject to injustice and forced out of the schools to their lasting injury and the great loss of the community. This should not be, and it seems the only remedy is personal instruction, not coaching, but a provision whereby such cases can have special examination and care. Our teachers do all they can and are anxious to assist when possible, but the great amount of work devolving upon them makes such a course of procedure impossible for them. It would be one of the best investments of the town to hire a special teacher, sympathetic, patient, and thoroughly qualified by education and professional preparation whose entire time should be devoted to working with

these pupils. The regular teachers could note such cases as above mentioned and report to the special teacher who could take them to her desk singly and aid them in all legitimate ways. This suggestion, of course, applies more particularly to such places as Haydenville and Williamsburg villages.

The Board of Education in its report just submitted to the members of the legislature strongly recommends medical inspection of the schools, and there is little doubt but what it is very desirable. Many towns and cities are now enjoying the benefits of this inspection, and it will probably soon become very common. There are many cases of eye and ear difficulties which greatly interfere with the work of the pupils that might be remedied easily were it positively known they existed, while the spread of contagious diseases could be much better controlled. Some encouraging facts are stated in this State report, among which are, that the town of Williamsburg ranks fourth in the county in the matter of the ratio of attendance to the number of children of school age, and that two towns in the county are paying smaller wages to the teachers.

We have good reason to feel that the schools of this town are doing excellent work considering the conditions under which they exist, and the main object of the criticisms and suggestions in this report is to make possible still better work which is due the citizens.

In closing this report, your Superintendent wishes to make yet another plea for a new High School building. The need of such a structure is constantly more and more apparent. A town occupying the position among the others of the county that this does because of its industries and reputation for business "push"; with its prosperous and intelligent people, and sufficient pupils for a High School of the first class, certainly is not maintaining educational institutions in correspondence with them. Our teachers and pupils are working at a disadvantage in all grades because of the present arrangement. Purely as a matter of economy it should appeal to our citizens. With

such a building properly equipped, we should be able to save to the town an annual tuition bill paid other towns of several hundred dollars, should receive from the State an additional sum of three hundred dollars (which amount is likely soon to be increased to five hundred), should probably secure a considerable sum as tuition for pupils attending from other towns, and could keep our pupils at home until fully prepared to enter college, or other institutions of more advanced education, thus saving much expense to parents, and securing a reputation for the support of educational facilities which would be of aid to us financially and morally. The State has already greatly increased the annual sum paid the town for educational purposes and permits us to use a considerable portion of this for the purchase of necessary school equipment and supplies which would greatly aid us in the furnishing of a new building. Compared to the liabilities readily assumed by us for other improvements, the cost of such a house would hardly be noticeable, and would be paid in a few years with a scarcely perceptible increase of taxation. It will be seen that the probable additional increase of income from various sources will not only provide for the extra expenses of teaching and care, but even leave a remainder to be applied to the payment of the original cost.

The common plea for economy in the conduct of public affairs is one to be heeded at all times, but it should be remembered that much which masquerades in the guise of economy is little better than extravagance. Any saving of money which sacrifices the physical or educational welfare of the citizens is certainly a very costly extravagance in the end. No amount of wealth can compensate for loss of life, health or intelligent citizenship.

He also desires to express his hearty appreciation of the assistance and active support given him by the members of the School Committee, to whose broad, progressive and liberal ideas much of the present success of our school system is due, and of the interest and confidence in his work shown by so many of the citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. GOODHUE, *Supt. of Schools.*

REPORT OF MUSIC TEACHER.

MR. E. W. GOODHUE, SUPT. OF SCHOOLS :

Dear Sir:—

In reporting upon the work of the past year in singing, it gives me pleasure to say that there has been a steady advancement.

The same method of instruction has been continued, with a little more attention given to chorus work since the opening of the present school year.

The principles in music were thoroughly reviewed in all the grades. Three part choruses are readily sung in the Grammar grades in both Williamsburg and Haydenville. A class of the Williamsburg High School which meets Friday afternoon has taken up the elementary principles in harmony, and we hope to study the best composers and give at least one composition of each.

Very little has been expended on music except for some coda music for the closing exercises in Williamsburg. All the music which belongs to the school was carefully looked over and assorted, and used to good advantage. New series of the "Individual Sight Singing" should be on hand to use at the beginning of the Spring term.

In closing, I wish to extend my thanks and appreciation to the grade teachers for their efficiency and co-operation with me in the work.

Respectfully,

MARY V. KILEY.

Northampton, Mass., February 1, 1906.

WILLIAMSBURG HIGH SCHOOL.

Principal, James F. Connor.

Assistant, Ruth Whitmore.

Teacher of Music, Mary V. Kiley.

Closing Exercises, Town Hall, Friday evening, June 23, '05

Prayer, Rev. John Pierpont.

Chorus, "All Among the Barley," —Stirling.

Salutatory and Essay, "Industrial Education for the Negro," Helen Merriam Wells.

Class History, Phillip Richard Graves.

"Destruction of Life as Means to an End," Hazel Louise Alexander.

Essay, "The Seven Wonders of the World," Alice Ethel Miller.

Class Prophecy, Althea Hortense Marks.

Essay, "The Rural Free Delivery System," Mary Cordelia Warner.

Chorus, "The Red Scarf," Veazie.

Essay, "The Russo-Japanese War," Nellie Cecelia Brown.

Prophecy on Prophet and Class "Grinds," Nellie Agnes Dolan.

Declamation, "The Signal Man," (Charles Dickens), Edward George Morrissey.

Class Will, Catherine Mary Riley.

Essay and Valedictory, "Poets and their Flowers," Esther Frances Porter.

Presentation of Certificate, Rev. Robert H. Life.

Chorus, "Come Let us Sing," Mendolssohn, Arr. by Hoff

Benediction, Rev. Robert H. Life.

Members of the Class of 1905.

Hazel Louise Alexander,	Nellie Cecelia Brown,
Nellie Agnes Dolan,	Althea Hortense Marks,
Alice Ethel Miller,	Esther Frances Porter,
Catherine Mary Riley,	Mary Cordelia Warner,
Helen Merriam Wells,	Philip Richard Graves,
Edward George Morrissey.	

Class Officers.

President, Esther Frances Porter.

Vice-President, Nellie Cecelia Brown.

Sec'y and Treas., Alice Ethel Miller.

Class Motto—"Knowledge is Power."

Class Colors--Dark Green and White.

STATISTICS—SCHOOL YEAR 1904-1905.

SCHOOLS.	Weeks	Boys Enrolled	Girls Enrolled	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. of Attendance	Total Days Attendance	Tardy Marks	Dismissals	Visits by Adults	State and Boston Wards
Williamsburg High,.....	40	21	32	49.30	47.40	96.14	9065.5	217	43	18	..
Intermediate,.....	36	16	8	19.14	17.76	92.72	3195.	51	32	23	4
Primary,.....	36	19	24	35.34	32.10	90.74	5799.5	58	..	46	4
Searsville,.....	36	8	5	11.69	9.39	89.40	1890.5	146	23	24	1
North Street,.....	36	7	6	10.29	9.53	92.62	1749.	106	34	34	2
Nash Street,.....	36	12	7	13.55	12.29	90.38	2229.	23	10	24	3
South Street,.....	36	3	6	7.62	6.82	89.00	1169.0	41	14	39	1
Mountain Street,.....	36	7	4	9.78	9.44	96.50	1692.5	13	13	34	..
Skinnerville,.....	36	10	8	17.58	17.00	96.29	3000.	106	24	33	4
Haydenville High,	40	22	13	31.13	29.52	94.70	5633.5	209	64	13	..
Grammar,	36	22	21	38.97	35.98	92.33	6456.5	108	90	17	2
Intermediate,	36	23	22	41.37	38.72	93.59	6951.5	209	132	21	8
Third Primary,	36	23	24	43.09	40.19	93.27	7291.5	141	85	43	6
Second Primary,	36	18	14	26.74	24.37	91.14	4456.	237	47	34	7
First Primary,	36	23	16	31.54	28.70	91.00	5196.	112	..	20*	13
		234	210	387.13	359.11	92.65	65775.	1777	611	423	55

Number of Teachers graduated from Normal Schools,	3
“ “ who have attended Normal Schools without graduating,	3
“ “ graduated from Colleges,	3
“ “ who have attended College without graduating,	1
“ “ graduated from High Schools,	6
“ “ “ “ Academies,	4

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1906-7.

Subject to change by Committee.

1906	M.	T.	W.	T.	F.	1907	M.	T.	W.	T.	F.
Sept.		4	5	6	7	Feb.					1
	10	11	12	13	14		4	5	6	7	8
	17	18	19	20	21		11	12	13	14	15
	24	25	26	27	28		18	19	20	21	
							25	26	27	28	
Oct.	1	2	3	4	5						
	8	9	10	11	12	Mar.					1
	15	16	17	18	19		4	5	6	7	8
	22	23	24	25	26		11	12	13	14	15
	29	30	31				Vacation.				
Nov.				1	2	Apr.	1	2	3	4	5
	5	6	7	8	9		8	9	10	11	12
	12	13	14	15	16		15	16	17	18	
	19	20	21	22	23		22	23	24	25	26
	26	27	28				29	30			
Dec.	3	4	5	6	7	May			1	2	3
	10	11	12	13	14		6	7	8	9	10
	17	18	19	20	21		13	14	15	16	17
							20	21	22	23	24
							27	28	29		31
	Holiday recess.										
	31										
1907.						June	3	4	5	6	7
Jan.		1	2	3	4		10	11	12	13	14
	7	8	9	10	11		17	18	19	20	21
	14	15	16	17	18		24	25	26	27	28
	21	22	23	24	25						
	28	29	30	31							

Bold-faced type for High Schools only.

TRUANT OFFICERS' REPORTS.

To the Honorable School Committee:

GENTLEMEN :—I make the following report for the year ending February 1, 1906.

Whole number of truants reported,	20
Number of truants warned,	20
“ “ families visited,	6
“ “ sent to school,	20

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY A. BISBEE,

Truant Officer, Williamsburg.

To the Honorable School Committee:

GENTLEMEN:—I make the following report for the year ending February 1, 1906.

Whole number truants reported,	12
Number truants warned,	12
“ families visited,	8
“ truants sent to school,	12

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL J. EDWARDS,

Truant Officer, Haydenville.

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT.

WILLIAMSBURG, MASS., February 21, 1906.

We, the undersigned, certify that we have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Water Commissioners, Sinking Fund Commissioners and School Committee, and find them Correct and properly vouched for, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

THOMAS P. LARKIN, }
J. WALTER NASH, } *Auditors.*

Treasurer's Report.

For the Year Ending February 1, 1906.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from previous school year,		\$ 270 57
Town appropriations for schools,	\$4,300 00	
Superintendent,	375 00	
Text books and supplies,	450 00	
Repairs,	300 00	
Tuition,	275 00	
For Haydenville Sanitary,	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$5,800 00
Received from Goshen, tuitions 1904,	104 00	
Boston, for City wards,	226 50	
State, for State “	348 50	
“ Superintendent's Fund,	375 00	
“ Teachers' “	250 00	
“ High School tuition,	90 00	
“ Collins School Fund, Town,	646 63	
“ State School Fund,	1,008 99	
“ “ “ “ over-		
paid 1905,	167 40	
“ Refund of Dog Tax, County,	188 35	
“ E. H. Miller, sale R.R. tickets,	41 05	
“ Heating Village Hall and		
repairs,	9 71	
“ E. W. Goodhue, supplies sold,	4 18	
	<hr/>	\$3,460 31
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		\$9,530 88

EXPENDITURES.

Teaching,	\$5,400 55
Superintendent,	750 00
Tuition,	160 00
Fuel,	456 61
Janitors,	377 75
Cleaning,	57 25

Transportation,	\$406 60	
Fixtures,	30 70	
Repairs,	300 19	
Permanent improvements,	371 13	
Text books and supplies,	530 78	
Sundries,	186 33	
	<hr/>	\$9,027 89
Deduct expenditures Hyde and Sanders account,		127 92
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		\$8,899 97
Balance cash on hand,		630 91
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		\$9,530 88

ITEMIZED LIST OF EXPENDITURES.

TEACHERS.

Williamsburg High,	James F. Connor,	\$640 00
“	“ Ruth Whitmore,	400 00
“	Grammar, Edith B. Damon,	306 00
“	Primary, Grace F. Martin,	51 00
	Annie E. Tenney,	255 00
Drawing,	Nora A. Simmons,	2 55
Haydenville High,	Roy W. Rose,	237 50
	Royal P. Richardson,	262 50
“	Grammar, Josephine G. Cahill,	334 00
“	Intermediate, Helen G. Ryan,	316 00
“	1st Primary, Lizzie Purrington,	360 00
“	2d “ Ethel Curry,	288 00
“	3d “ Elizabeth K. Utley,	288 00
Skinnerville,	Harriet M. Partridge,	282 00
Mountain Street,	Lisle T. Barrows,	288 00
Nash Street,	Nancy C. Moore,	112 00
“	Elizabeth Mullaley,	140 00
Searsville,	Frances Donahue,	252 00
North Street,	Mae Pollard,	128 00
“	Nancy C. Moore,	120 00
“	Marion F. Jenks,	40 00
South Street,	Mary I. Sanderson,	112 00
Music,	Mary V. Kiley,	186 00
	<hr/>	\$5,400 55

JANITORS.

Mrs. E. H. Stiles,	\$ 2 00	
G. Frank Marks,	228 55	
Helen M. Warner.	3 70	
Fred Sanderson,	4 00	
Mrs. George Loomis,	2 00	
Forest S. Miller,	4 00	
E. W. Goodhue,	2 50	
Nelson Damon,	117 00	
Thomas Connell,	2 00	
Leon Shumway,	1 00	
Leslie T. Barrows,	3 75	
Edward Loomis,	2 00	
Hazel Lynch,	2 00	
M. H. Smart,	3 25	
	<hr/>	\$377 75

TUITION.

City of Northampton,	\$160 00
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TRANSPORTATION.

Northampton Street Railway,	\$225 00	
Thomas Culver,	108 00	
Robert Damon,	73 60	
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FIXTURES.

Superior Mfg. Co.,	\$13 50	
A. McCallum & Co.,	7 20	
J. J. Ball,	6 00	
A. McCallum & Co.,	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$30 70

FUEL.

C. L. Hyde,	\$27 56
Geo. A. Thresher,	81 22
Alfred E. Miller,	4 40
E. H. Miller,	2 75

G. M. Bradford,	\$52 25	
T. I. Breckenridge,	203 53	
Nelson Damon,	15 62	
Damon & Brooks,	11 78	
C. R. Damon,	14 00	
Willam H. Warner,	7 00	
F. E. Sanderson,	16 50	
Byron Loomis,	2 75	
R. D. Ames,	1 50	
G. Frank Marks,	75	
W. E. Pillinger,	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$456 61

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS.

G. M. Bradford, lumber, Haydenville Center Sanitary,	\$ 4 34	
G. M. Bradford, lumber, fire escape Wil- liamsburg Center,	31 88	
E. J. House, painting fire escape,	11 90	
M. C. Bailey, labor on Haydenville sanitary,	32 20	
J. J. Ball, labor on fire escape,	68 00	
Franklin Lumber Co., lumber for stairs and sanitary Haydenville Center,	38 68	
J. J. Handfield, labor on fire escape,	6 15	
J. A. Sullivan, materials " "	24 78	
Haydenville Co., materials for sanitary Haydenville Center,	61 90	
Byron Loomis, sand for sanitary,	1 50	
F. W. Warner, labor on "	7 85	
A. G. Cone, painting " "	75	
F. W. Thayer, lock for fire escape,	1 15	
G. Frank Marks, labor on sanitary,	7 65	
E. A. Warner, labor and materials for sanitary Haydenville Center,	70 50	
Metcalf & Sheehan,	1 90	
	<hr/>	\$371 13

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Erie Music Publishing Co.,	\$ 1 00
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	18 89
Educational Publishing Co.,	6 27
D. C. Heath & Co.,	8 24
Forbes & Wallace,	5 00
Ginn & Co.,	117 63
Orville Brewer Publishing Co.,	1 08
Benjamin H. Sanborn,	21 19
Esterbrook Steel Pen Mfg. Co.,	5 25
Edward E. Baab Co.,	129 32
University Publishing Co.,	2 78
American Book Co.,	13 00
Haydenville News Co.,	15 50
E. W. Goodhue,	40 43
J. L. Hammett Co.,	87 80
Kingsbury Box and Printing Co.,	3 00
Milton Bradley Co.,	8 60
Allyn and Bacon,	6 00
Morgan Envelope Co.,	5 25
Maynard, Merrill & Co.,	34 55
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	\$530 78

REPAIRS.

George A. Thresher,	\$ 2 00
G. Frank Marks,	19 75
E. A. Warner,	6 39
F. W. Warner,	72 34
The Haydenville Co.,	7 50
R. F. Burke,	1 85
I. P. Stebbins,	75
G. M. Bradford,	39 77
D. C. Wade,	11 81
Foster Bros.,	2 15
A. G. Cone,	3 85
Smith & Fay,	1 05
Merrick Lumber Co.,	54 31
Metcalf & Sheehan,	4 17

M. C. Bailey,	\$23 15	
L. A. Morrisey,	6 88	
Franklin Co. Lumber Co.,	11 42	
J. M. Williams,	1 58	
C. K. Morse,	3 00	
Carberry Bros.,	22 11	
Nelson Damon,	1 15	
John Lynch,	75	
J. J. Ball,	3 46	
	<hr/>	\$300 19

CLEANING.

G. Frank Marks,	\$10 95	
Clarence A. Nichols,	3 00	
Nelson Damon,	3 00	
Mrs. John Quinn,	9 70	
Mrs. Mary Mahar,	6 45	
Nancy C. Moore,	3 00	
Mrs. R. H. Dewey,	1 50	
Lila Rood,	1 42	
Mrs. John Wade,	7 65	
Mrs. John Lynch,	3 00	
Mrs. M. A. Bates,	7 58	
	<hr/>	\$57 25

SUNDRIES.

G. Frank Marks,	\$ 1 80
Smith & Fay,	3 02
The Haydenville Co.,	2 65
Williamsburg Water Works,	38 75
George H. Hill,	1 18
C. R. Damon,	12 27
A. G. Cone,	50
E. H. Miller,	14 20
Alfred E. Miller,	1 75
Ruth Whitmore,	75
Citizens' Ind. Tel. Co.,	7 50
Oval & Koster,	9 50
J. Johndrow,	75
E. W. Goodhue,	12 65

James Spear,	\$4 60	
Larkin Bros.,	2 75	
R. F. Burke,	2 00	
Albert Lawton,	1 00	
I. P. Stebbins,	2 13	
G. M. Bradford,	6 09	
Cecil T. Bagnall,	3 60	
F. A. Brooks,	95	
G. Schirmer,	1 34	
Howard A. Warner,	5 00	
P. P. Dumphy,	2 00	
Mrs. F. L. Bisbee,	3 00	
H. T. Richards,	5 00	
Elmer H. Stiles,	50	
Herald Job Print,	6 00	
Metcalf & Sheehan,	14 51	
McCallum & Co.,	6 62	
F. W. Thayer,	97	
Samuel Edwards,	6 00	
H. A. Bisbee,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$186 33

E. W. Goodhue, Superintendent :	
Salary for 1905-6,	\$750 00

THE ELLSWORTH H. HYDE AND A. D. SANDERS FUNDS' ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from previous years,	\$171 57	
Income from Hyde Fund,	72 00	
" Sanders "	113 00	
	<hr/>	\$356 57

EXPENDITURES.

Building closets, Haydenville,	\$225 37	
Reimburséd by Town Appropriation,	100 00	
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	\$125 37	
Drawing Teacher (car fare),	2 55	
	<hr/>	\$127 92
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Balance on hand,		\$228 65

EMIL H. MILLER,

Treasurer of School Committee.

Feb. 1, 1906.

REPORTS OF
WILLIAMSBURG
TOWN OFFICERS

For the Year Ending

February 1, 1907

1906

